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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Much Needed Secrecy

THAT the negotiators at Panmunjom have gone into secret session probably offers the best prospect of a final settlement being reached for an armistice in Korea. The blaze of publicity which has followed every recent meeting has served no useful purpose, and has certainly not been conducive to a friendly and more sympathetic atmosphere in the negotiating tents. The issue now requiring settlement is delicate as well as difficult and it needs to be thrashed out in a cool, level-headed manner, unaffected by wild speculation, dark prophecies and emotional propaganda. Moreover, the Allies' request for secrecy can be taken as a sign that they are determined to do all in their power this time to bring the negotiations to a satisfactory conclusion. It is known that the latest United Nations proposal represents a compromise in operative detail while at the same time protecting the three principles previously laid down for the exchange of prisoners. They are: no forcible repatriation, no indefinite imprisonment. The formula for giving practical effect to these principles is now being placed before the Communist negotiators, and if, as it probably will, meet Communist desires at least half way, it is not too much to hope that at long last an agreement will be attained. And it is tremendously important that a settlement should be reached, not only for the purpose of bringing the Korean hostilities to an end, but in order to promote the wider efforts which are now being contemplated for an easing of the general international situation. A Korean armistice at this moment would undoubtedly have an important effect on the forthcoming Bermuda talks, and would remove one big obstacle to the proposition of a meeting between the leaders of the great powers. The whole world has much to gain from a settlement in Korea.

The Rulers

HOW much do we really want our Governments to be master in our own house? The controversy about Mr. Attlee's reference to the unsuitability of the American Constitution now that America has become the strongest State in the world has led in some British quarters to a renewed look at the British Constitution. The root of the American system lies in the balance of powers, between the Executive, the Legislative and Judicial powers, in which Mr. Attlee presumably does not believe. But there are many people in Britain who think a greater check on the all-powerful House of Commons is long overdue. Even Mr. Churchill himself, during his younger days in the political wilderness, delivered a great dissertation on the reform of the legislature. He wanted an Upper House composed of the best wisdom in all the great sciences and arts and in administration. All efforts to arrange this have so far failed because of Socialist hostility. As for the American Constitution, it has certainly served the country well so far. Nevertheless, it is true that one of the greatest of the Founding Fathers, Alexander Hamilton, wanted a system of Government akin to the British and he was only narrowly defeated. In almost every American history book he is praised highly. That is unlikely to deter Senator McCarthy from putting his quick-firing "investigators" on to Hamilton and all his works as part of the purge of the university and school libraries.

Eisenhower To Appeal To The Nation

SEEKS SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN AID PROGRAMME

Washington, May 25. President Eisenhower is preparing to call on the nation to support him in his fight to save the \$5,828,732,500 (about £2,081,690,180) foreign aid programme from crippling cuts by a powerful Congressional economy bloc, it was learned today.

A White House spokesman said Mr. Eisenhower planned a series of talks to the nation — the first over radio and television on June 3 — and some of them would call for popular backing of the aid to Allies project.

The forthcoming debate on aid funds was seen by many Washington observers as a major test of strength between the President and Conservative Republican Party leaders in Congress, headed by Senator Robert Taft of Ohio, who were already calling for steep reductions.

Russia Says "No" To Invitation

London, May 25. Russia has rejected Britain's invitation to a meeting in London on Wednesday of Big-Four Foreign Ministers. Deputies drafting an Austrian peace treaty.

Mr. Jacob Malik, Soviet Ambassador in London, replied to the invitation in a letter quoted by Moscow Radio tonight, saying: "There is no reason to hope that the suggested conference will produce more favourable results than former conferences."

Mr. Malik suggested that the matter should be dealt with through the usual diplomatic channel.

Britain had invited Russia to be represented at a meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Deputies drafting the treaty in London on Wednesday.

SOVIETS BLAMED

Washington, May 25. The State Department, almost on the eve of the new Austrian treaty talks with the Soviet Union, today said the Soviet attitude leaves little hope for a satisfactory conclusion of a treaty in the immediate future.

The Department released a lengthy review of Austrian treaty negotiations which blamed the Soviet Union for failure to agree to the settlement.

"The single stumbling block has been, and is, the Soviet Union," it said. "The Soviet determination to stymie an Austrian treaty has become increasingly apparent."

The State Department's 4,000-word review, entitled "The Austrian Treaty: a case study of Soviet tactics," was issued by the Office of Public Affairs.

It accused Russia of "broken pledges" stalling and refusal to accept an Austrian pact because of its desire to "exploit" Austria's economy.

The State Department document made it clear that the United States, Britain and France would stand firm by their promise to restore complete independence to the Austrian people, officials said.

The review said that the Austrian case was "an illustration of the methods employed by the Soviet Union in exploiting other peoples and other nations, regardless of pledges solemnly given and repeatedly reaffirmed."

"Here, in capsule, is an illuminating picture of Soviet techniques in handling nations and peoples who refuse to knuckle under," it added. — Reuters.

Mr. Eisenhower and his administration chiefs had already let it be known that the figure requested was the minimum consistent with Allied security. It was almost \$1,800,000,000 (about £643,000,000) less than that proposed by former President Truman just before he left the White House.

But influential Republicans in Congress, like Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, were publicly suggesting about \$4,000,000,000 (about £1,425,570,000) as adequate.

In the military section of the aid bill, covering supplies of guns, tanks and planes, Congress was being asked to provide \$4,024,522,000 (about £1,437,330) for Europe, the Near and Far East and Latin America. An additional \$250,000,000 (about £89,300,000) was earmarked for "special weapons."

For defence support aid — a form of economic help geared to rearmament — the bill contained \$995,000,000 (about £355,357,000) for Europe, Indo-China and the Far East. There was also \$550,200,500 (about £199,717,680) listed for global technical assistance and economic help, including aid to India, Pakistan, Israel and the Arab nations.

Some reductions are expected to be recommended by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives. But it was regarded as virtually certain that unless there was a radical change in the international situation, the heaviest pressure would be exerted during the House and Senate debates, expected in several weeks' time, for substantial cuts through amendments. — Reuters.

Building Super Canberra Plane

Adelaide, May 25. The Australian-built Canberra jet bomber which began test flights "any day now" seemed even better than its English equivalent, Sir Donald Hamman, chief of the Australian Air Staff, said today.

Sir Donald also said Australian-built Sabrejet fighters, due to begin tests next month, would be faster than those built in the United States. — Reuters.

Plane Ploughs Through Airport Spectators

Amsterdam, May 25. Two persons were killed and 44 others were injured when a two-motored Royal Dutch Airlines plane crashed shortly after taking off here today and ploughed into a nearby field jammed with spectators.

The dead are a young woman and a child who were hit by wreckage from the plane when it broke up in a field near the airport.

Twenty-seven of the injured were Whit-Monday holiday-makers who had gathered at the field to watch operations at the airport. The other 17 people who were injured were aboard the ill-fated Convair "Paulus Potter" which carried 23 passengers apart from crew members.

Horror-stricken eyewitnesses among the spectators who escaped death or injury said that the Convair, which was on its way to Zurich, failed to gain sufficient altitude when it reached the end of the runway.

As scores ran in terror the crippled plane hit a hedge, bounced into the field full of spectators and then broke in two just ahead of the tail as the wreckage whizzed through the cables of the on-lookers. — United Press.



Murray Tannenbaum, a seven-foot, one-inch, student at the Long Island University, New York, was among the volunteers who turned up at the school's infirmary to give his blood for the blood bank. Nurse Helene Wolfe had to stand on her tip-toes to test his blood pressure, with the hope that this giant would yield a gallon of blood instead of the usual couple of pints. — London Express.

Rhee's Opposition To UN Truce Proposal

Tokyo, May 25. The United Nations Commander, General Mark Clark, returned to Tokyo tonight from one of the most ticklish diplomatic assignments of the Korean war.

The result of his two-hour secret meeting with President Syngman Rhee in Seoul may determine the success of any Korean war truce.

Gen. Clark spent two hours with the elderly President this morning apparently to win President Rhee's support for a United Nations proposal to end the Korean war.

Gen. Clark and ROK Government officials refused to comment on the meeting. But this much was clear — the United Nations may find it tougher to sell President Rhee on the Allied truce plan than to convince the Communists that they should accept it.

President Rhee bitterly opposes any truce which would leave Korea divided. Government-sponsored rallies have been held in nearly every South Korean city and town in recent weeks, opposing an armistice that would continue Communist rule in North Korea.

Banners proclaiming "Give us unification or death" are plastered on buildings and houses in every part of South Korea.

Some ROK officials even have hinted that the South Korean Army, now part of the Allied force, should fight alone if the United Nations signs a truce dividing Korea.

Gen. Clark's special mission to Seoul apparently was to convince President Rhee that he should support the secret United Nations truce plan agreed on by the United Nations governments during the eight-day peace talks recess. The plan means that President Rhee has been asked to abandon — at least for the present — his fight against the Communists for Korea's united independence.

BITTER PILL

This would be a bitter pill for President Rhee, who has lived much of his life in exile. If he should agree to an armistice and keep his huge army behind the truce line observers believe that it would only be because he realized that his war-ravaged country is no match for the Reds without arms and other aid from the free world.

South Korea's delegate to the Panmunjom talks did not attend today's session but there was no immediate evidence that this meant that the Rhee Government has started boycotting the negotiations.

A United Nations spokesman went to great lengths to explain that South Korean Major General Choi Duk-son "missed the talks because he was not present when the helicopters left Munsan for Panmunjom with the United Nations delegates. The spokesman, Lieutenant Colonel Milton Herr, said that Gen. Choi did not become another plane because he would be late for the meetings and did not want to interrupt the session once it had started.

No details of the United Nations truce plan put before President Rhee have leaked out and today's truce meeting at Panmunjom was shrouded in secrecy. — United Press.

Dramatic Evidence By Father Of Accused Soldier

Evidence that the elder brother of Pte Bernard Cox, 23, on trial for the alleged murder of a medical orderly, John Needs, had been a certified patient in a mental home for the past four years was given at the Criminal Sessions this morning by Mr W. E. R. Cox, father of the accused who arrived here by air from England on Saturday.

A doctor specialising in mental disorders, Capt J. S. P. Mouat, RAMC, said he learned that Cox's brother suffered from schizophrenia and that such an abnormal family history predisposes a person to an abnormal mental condition.

Cox, who is attached to the 1st Bn, the Royal Norfolk Regiment, is accused of having shot Needs on the Norwegian Farm Camp on March 21 with a rifle taken from the Guardhouse after he had been brought back to the Camp by Military Policemen from a Fanning dance hall.

Before Mr Justice Reece and a jury, he is being defended by Mr Charles Losby, QC, instructed by Mr. E. Moore, Crown Counsel, Mr. D. F. O'Reilly, Mayne, assisted by Det. Insp. E. P. Grace is prosecuting.

Opening the defence this morning, Mr Losby said murder had been defined as the wrongful killing with malice aforethought — two separate ingredients. The jury would have to be satisfied that Cox did the killing and that he did it with malice aforethought, that is, wickedly and criminally.

He said he was calling evidence on only one aspect of the case, and would do no more than follow up the main line of his cross-examination throughout, that is, to attempt to throw light on the question of whether Cox was an ordinary man or whether his actions gave people to think Cox himself had at least three times said that from this time, he got out from the deep his mind was a blank and that, according to Cox, was all he could tell the jury. Whether this was true or whether it was in essence the truth was highly material.

Mr Losby expressed his thanks to the War Office for their assistance in bringing Cox's father out to Hongkong. From the point of view of Cox's mental health his father would give the best evidence. There would also be Dr Mouat, a psychiatrist employed by the Army and an expert on mental matters.

FIRST WITNESS

The first defence witness called was Staff Drum Major C. J. Jessop who said that the accused joined the Defence Platoon of the Royal Norfolk in July, 1951, and arrived in Korea with the battalion at the end of September, 1951. Two days after their arrival Cox moved with the Regiment to the front.

Witness said that he had the job of mounting guard at Ban HQ and the three platoons manned three machine gun posts. It was one of Cox's jobs to call him but one morning he woke up at 5 o'clock without being called. He found Cox in his bunk asleep. When he rebuked Cox for this Cox used obscene language and when he checked him Cox became violently abusive. "While talking to me he brought his hands up to his sides, half-clenched, in a very aggressive manner. He then advanced on me with his hands raised and I was forced to strike him down to defend myself. He ground his teeth and stumbled over his words," said the witness.

Jessop said that Cox's behaviour was unusual and he agreed with the Judge's remark that he meant he was not accustomed to have privates assaulting him.

He added to Mr Losby's question that Cox was threatening in his manner and he found it impossible to deal with him in the ordinary way.

APOLOGISED

Cox was out for about half a minute after he had been struck, witness continued. When the accused came to he was completely quiet and apologised for what he had done.

Witness added that he then took steps for disciplinary action against the accused for failing to do his duties.

In November that year in Korea a shell landed about a yard from where Cox was with another private, said Jessop. "He appeared very shaken, he was pale and trembling," was his description of Cox's reaction.

Jessop told of another incident. He said he once had to restrain Cox by force because Cox went after a small Korean boy who had knocked off a chimney. He thought it neces-

sary to stop Cox because he said he would kill the boy if he got hold of him. Cox was very violent and clenched his teeth.

Jessop said that in August, 1952 his men suffered heavy mortar fire and Cox, who was very pale, frothing at the lips and badly shaken.

The most unusual thing he noticed about the accused, said the witness, was when speaking with his friends about ordinary things he would become very excited and stumble over his words so that he (witness) could not understand him at all.

Cox — examined by Mr Mayne, Jessop agreed that it was not unusual to be pale and shaken after an experience of shelling or mortaring. He did not agree that the words "I'll kill him" were often used by some people in a very loose sense.

He agreed that as the senior officer it was his duty to report if he thought Cox needed medical attention and he would be the one Cox would see if Cox needed medical attention.

"QUEER CHARACTERS"

Jessop said that Cox "never asked for this nor did he report his need for it, and added 'One meets a lot of queer characters in the Army. It is not my duty to go round picking them out to see if they need medical attention.'"

Cpl J. F. Evans who was with Cox in Korea said that he saw Cox's finger-tips, broken once. In reply to Mr Losby he went on to say he noticed this because someone told him about it, but was stopped by the Judge who ruled it was hearsay and inadmissible to say what was told him.

Mr Losby objected to the Judge ruling before hearing Counsel's submissions, and he dispensed with further evidence from that witness.

The next witness was Pte R. W. Knight who said that he noticed Cox acting queerly in Hongkong on one occasion when a girl called Lena was picked up by another soldier. Cox smashed a window but afterwards said he could not remember what he had done.

The father of the accused, Mr W. E. R. Cox, from Apsley Chase, Bedfordshire, with perspiration dripping from his face,

told the Court of his family history.

He said that accused was a family of seven. His eldest (Contd. on back p. 46, col. 5)

Europe's Sizzling Whitsun

London, May 25. Europe sizzled today in hotter Whitsun holiday weather than experienced for many years.

City dwellers fled to the country, and bathing pools and seaside resorts had their first big rush of the year.

In parts of Europe storms brought down temperatures for a few hours, but in most of the Continent skies were blue and the sun merciless.

London had its hottest Whitsunday for nine years. Thousands of cars and coaches left the capital hourly for the coast and country, and thousands more poured into London, carrying people from the provinces to see the decorations for the Coronation next week.

TERRIFIC STORMS

While temperatures rose to 86 degrees, Fahrenheit, in the shade, terrific thunderstorms swept slowly southwards. One raged for 12 hours in Scotland, bringing down trees and blocking roads, while another caused several deaths in Wales.

In the United States the Eastern states enjoyed sunny weather, but heavy rain fell in Montana and more floods threatened Louisiana.

More than 15,000 people have already been made homeless by floods in the Lake Charles area of Louisiana.

Reports from Germany, Austria and France told of crowds leaving the cities for the countryside owing to the heat wave.

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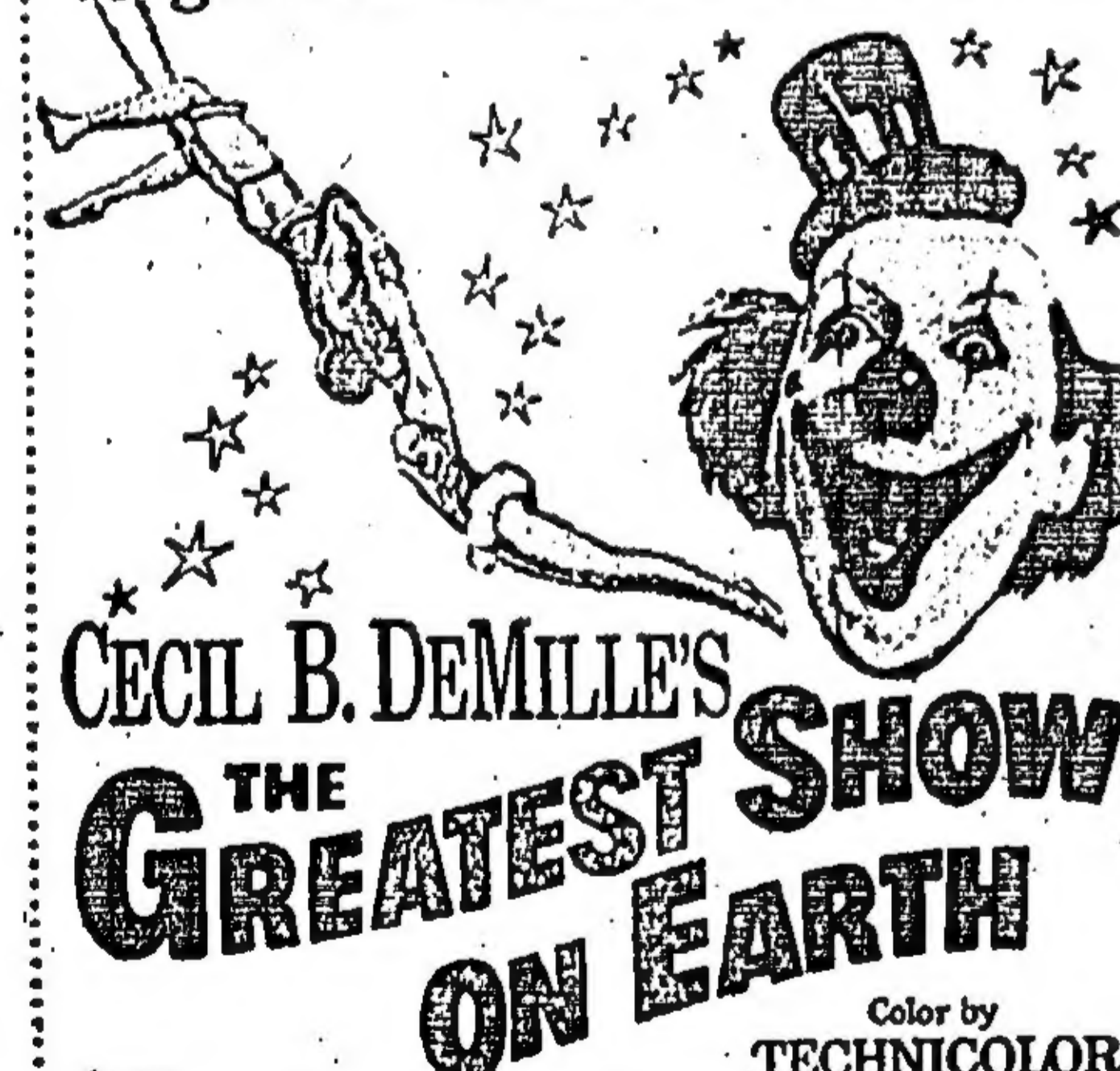
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Leaping Maoris dance the "Haka" aboard H.M.N.Z.S. "Black Prince". They are part of the New Zealand contingent just arrived in England for the Coronation. — Express Photo.

Wealthy Italians Backing
New Fascist Movement

Rome, May 25.

Large sums of money have recently flowed into Italy's New Fascist Italian social movement. Millions of savagely-worded electioneering posters plastered over the country indicate that the movement's rapid growth in the last two years has encountered contributions from wealthy Italians.

A daily newspaper in Rome, and 15 weekly newspapers in the other main cities, all reported to be running at a loss, provide further evidence of solid financial backing.

This New Fascist movement has mobilised all its resources to cut deeply into the vote of the Christian Democrat Party at the second general election of Italy's six-year-old Democratic Republic, due on June 7.

The 58-year-old leader of the movement, Augusto De Marsanich, has set this slogan for the party's election campaign: "The Communist danger in Italy is over. Christian democracy is enemy No. 1."

In local government elections throughout the country last year and the year before, the New Fascists won about 1,500,000 votes out of a total of 25,000,000.

They hope to double this figure at the general election. The particularly hope to capture the "crucial million"—that marginal body of votes whose loss would gravely shake the continuance of democracy in Italy and would give the New Fascists a crucial bargaining position in the new Parliament.

PRESSURE DROPPED

For over a year, the Italian Government has had at its disposal a law which would enable it to liquidate the party. But it hesitates to offend right-wing feeling by using it.

The Communists and left-wing Socialists, strong backers of the law when it passed through Parliament, have quietly dropped their initial pressure on the Government to apply it. It is assumed that they find the Italian social movement a useful ally in their struggle against the country's present Western democratic regime.

The law allows the Government to dissolve any party resembling Mussolini's Fascism and imposes prison sentences of up to 12 years on those responsible for it.

Apparently confident that their continued immunity will be guaranteed by the votes they will receive, the New Fascists are meanwhile attacking the whole system of government and social life in Italy with sustained verbal ferocity.

"PROUD HEIR"

"Sweep away the corrupt, inefficient parties that infect our national life," declare their posters. "Let Italy arise again, proud heir of a millenary tradition of civilisation!"

In election speeches, the movement's leaders explain that if they were in power they would root out of what is left of the Communist menace. They would attack from above, they say, decisively and ruthlessly.

They have no patience with the policy of attack from below by means of persuasion, huge public work programmes, land reform and reconstruction of industry, used by Signor Alcide de Gasperi, the Prime Minister, for the last eight years.

The movement has officially declared that it accepts the Atlantic Pact, but only as a means of rearming Italy quickly and restoring "the 8,000,000 bayonets" of which Mussolini boasted shortly before he launched his flag-waving army on prostrate France.

The movement's leaders assert that, under the policy of the present government, Italy has become enslaved to the United States.

The latest example of America's contemptuous attitude to "her Mediterranean colony" they claim, is the nomination of a woman of United States Ambassador in Rome—Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, and herself a former Congresswoman, an eminent playwright and a convert to Catholicism.

The New Fascist publications greeted her arrival with a chorus of sneers. In cartoons and scathing articles they proposed Anna Magnani, Silvana Pampanini and other luscious beauties of the Italian screen for the post of Ambassador to Washington.

The movement's hatred of Britain is considered axiomatic. Poster writers appear unable to bring themselves to mention Britain by name. "Our eternal enemy" is their name for her.

The high point of ferocious eloquence is reached on the subject of Trieste, the little Adriatic territory half occupied by Yugoslavia and half by British and American forces.

No Italian—the movement claims, can allow himself a moment's peace, until the whole territory is returned to Italy. The 300,000 Italians living in relative prosperity in the Anglo-American zone of Trieste are pictured as crushed under a foreign military boot.

But on domestic policy, apart from the Communist issue, the movement shows notable discretion. The disintegration of General de Gaulle's Assemblée du Peuple Français has thrown a warning shadow. As its only major party Congress, held a year ago, it was evident that the Social movement was deeply split. The dynamic noisy minority, which holds most of the key posts, comes from the north of Italy.

They are young men who accept as their heritage the revolutionary national Socialist policies laid down by Mussolini's last ditch government in the north, after the Allies had taken Rome.

These youngsters came of age during the civil war which raged Northern Italy for nearly two years between the die-hard Fascists backed by Hitler's divisions and the Partisans, most of whom were Communists.

The rest of the party consists of middle-aged men from Southern Italy, men who were local stars of the Fascist Party when the Allies arrived. For them the end of the war was relatively smooth. They stayed underground until it was safe for them to come up.

They are now die-hard Conservatives for whom the revolutionary policies of the young men from the north are almost as distasteful as those of the Communists.

But, on recent showing, they control most of the votes and the northern firebrands cannot at present do without them.

Apart from this sharp division in party thinking, the movement is handicapped by its lack of sufficiently flamboyant leaders. Signor de Marsanich, mild-faced, grey-haired, with friendly blue eyes, five feet six inches tall and underweight, is in appearance an antithesis of a Romantic national leader.

As the movement's secretary-general and executive chief he has cleverly held the balance between the two sections of opinion. But his own post as a Fascist labour organiser and syndicalist theorist places him in the northern camp.

ARIOTCRAT QUITS
An attempt was made last year to thrust into leadership Don Valerio "Borghese", 46-year-old scion of one of Italy's noblest families and a wartime submarine hero.

But after two of three bitter experiences of the intricacy of political life he withdrew into the background.

Next the movement turned to 70-year-old ex-Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, Mussolini's last War Minister and former Viceroy of Abyssinia, who was built into a legend during the Fascist regime as "the Lion of Neghelli" (the scene of one of his victories over the Abyssinians).

But he has shown small regard for the movement's party line and has caused great embarrassment to its leaders by speaking his mind with frankness.

Neither of the two prospective leaders, both nominated joint honorary presidents of the movement, appears to be capable of holding together the de Marsanich's grip should fall.—Reuter.

M.R.A. WORLD
ASSEMBLY
London, May 25.
Dr Frank Buchanan, founder of the Moral Re-Armament Movement, arrived at London airport today after an eight-month visit to India, Pakistan, Ceylon and the Near East.

Dr Buchanan addressed the Indian Parliament during his tour, on which he was accompanied by 200 MRA workers from 25 countries.

In a statement he said that in response to a request from a group of European statesmen including French and German Cabinet Ministers, a world assembly of Moral Re-Armament would open at Caux, Switzerland, in June.—Reuter.

Indo-Pakistan
Discussions

London, May 25.
The Pakistan Premier, Mr Mohammed Ali, arrived in London today for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.
He said that while he was here he would have talks with the Indian Premier, Mr Nehru, in an effort to settle "outstanding differences".—France-Press.

Ruskin
Inspired
RhodesViscountess Milner's
Revelation

London, May 25.
The year was 1873. The place was Oxford. The great Ruskin was speaking:

"This is what England must do or perish... She must found Colonies as fast as she can and as fast as she is able, for the sake of her most energetic and warlike men, seizing every piece of fruitful waste ground she can set her foot on and there teaching these her Colonies that their chief aim is to advance the power of England by land and sea."

The students cheered him. All except a tall fair delicate looking boy, too moved by the great man's words. He never forgot those words. He modelled his life on them.

His name, Cecil John Rhodes. Before he died he was to blazon his name across Africa putting Ruskin's precepts into practice.

Viscountess Milner who knew Rhodes personally told members of the Royal Society of Arts about this turning point in the life of the great pioneer. She used it to explain the inspiration which fired Rhodes, making him a great coloniser in an era of unprecedented colonialism.

ROMAN EMPEROR
This is how she described the Rhodes she met at his home, Groote Schuur in 1899, three years before his death:

"He had a face you could not look away from, with the blue eyes of a seer, and the mouth of a Roman Emperor. If you could imagine a sensitive Roman Emperor and one with a delightful smile. He had a curious voice that ran up and down the scale, and a very individual way of expressing himself. No other imaginative man can ever have had a smaller vocabulary and he would repeat the same thing again and again."

"He was a thought reader. But he was much too delicate and sensitive in his relations with people to take advantage of this power."

Viscountess Milner recalled Rhodes—summing up—of the abortive Jameson Raid which raised a storm that echoed through the chancelleries of Europe.

It was a justification of robust British colonialisation methods at a time when it was meeting much criticism.

He said: "Sometimes in pursuing my object, the enlargement of the British Empire and with it the cause of peace, industry and freedom, I have adopted means in my moving opposition which were the roughest and ready way and not the highest way to attain that object. But you must remember that in South Africa, where my work has lain, the laws of right and equity are not so fixed and established as in this country; and I have once or twice done things which savoured rather of violence... you must look back to times in English history for a parallel to the state of things in South Africa... there have been not a few men who have done good service to the state but some of whose actions have partaken of the violence of their age... It is among those men that my life and work must be weighed and measured and I trust to the justice of my countrymen."—London Express Service.

MALTA LEADERS
FOR LONDON
Valletta, May 25.
Dr Edwin Busuttil, Speaker of the Malta Legislative Assembly, left by air yesterday to attend the Coronation.

The Prime Minister, Dr Borg Olivier, is leaving by air today.—Reuter.

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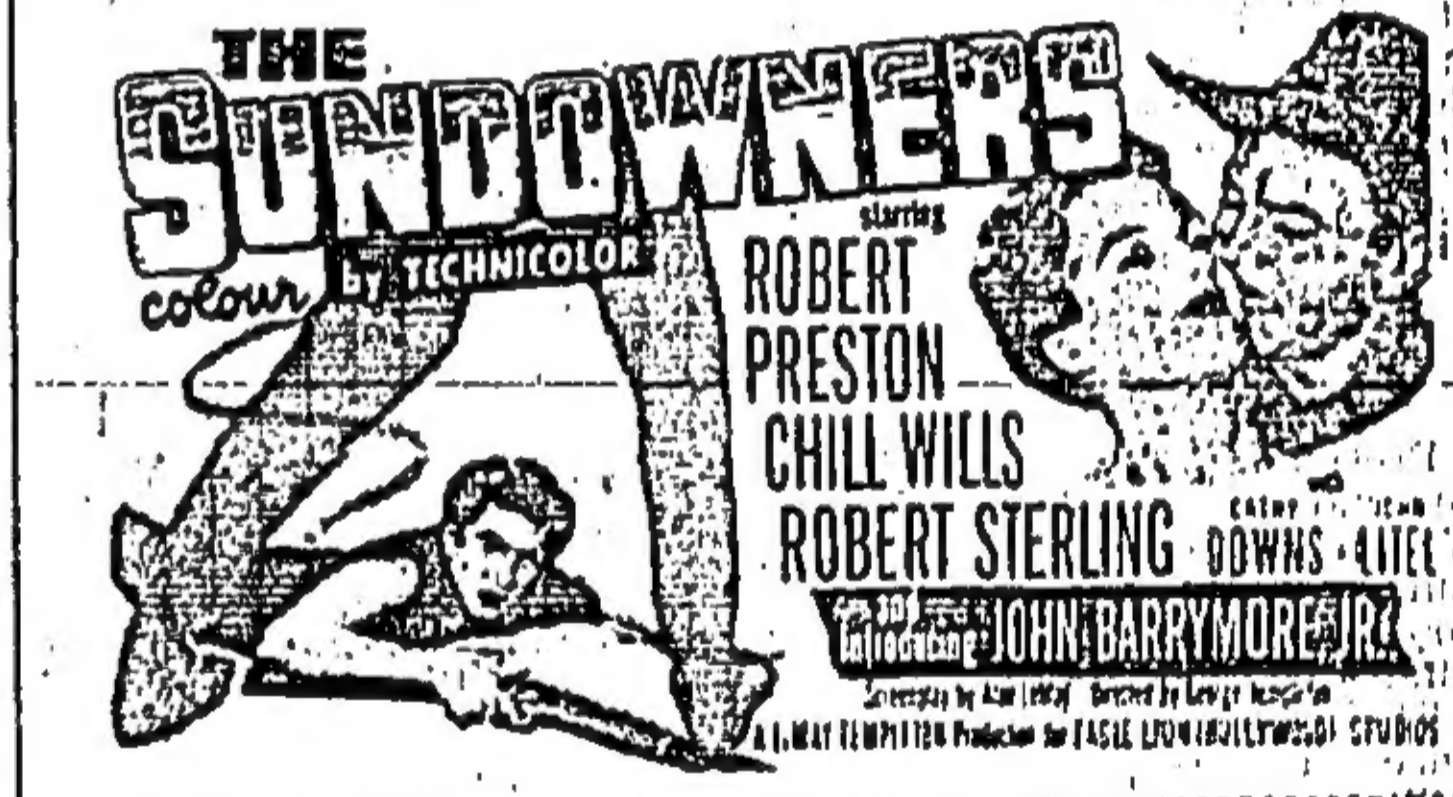
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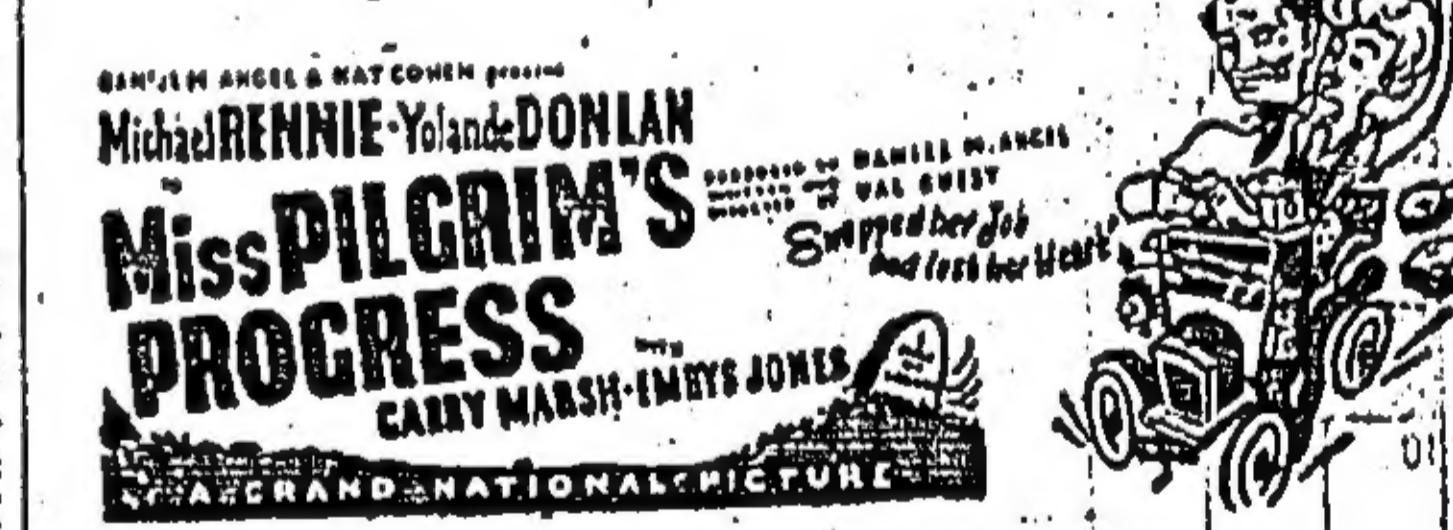
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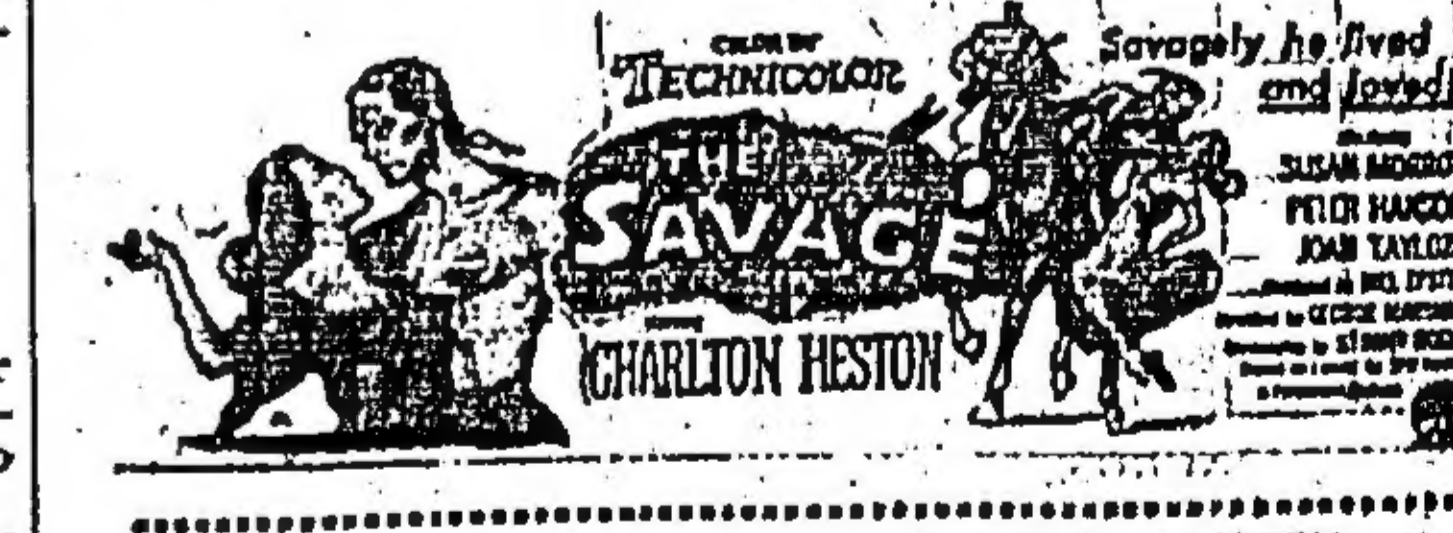
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MCCARTHY TO BRIEF PRESIDENT

Report On Trade With Peking

Washington, May 25. Senator Joseph McCarthy said today that he might never send a letter he had written to President Eisenhower demanding the President's views on Western trade with Communist China.

He would recommend to the Senate Investigations Subcommittee that the letter should not be sent, "because it might appear to be in the nature of asking the President to testify. I don't think a President should be asked to testify before a Congressional Committee."

(Senator McCarthy said last week that he would ask President Eisenhower for a statement on Western trade with Communist China. This was after one of his investigators had alleged that British ships had carried strategic goods to Communist China and transported Chinese Communist troops.)

The Senator said today that he would at any event see that Mr. Eisenhower got "all the information about the Allied trade with China that we have uncovered."

He added that the report to the President would be made well in advance of the Bernadine conference.—Reuter.

A Day Set Aside For Invalids

London, May 25. People throughout the world have been asked to make the first Sunday in June a day for remembering house-bound invalids.

An international organisation—the "Shut-In Day" Association—has been formed to promote the day when individuals are asked to remember two sufferers, a civilian and a disabled war veteran, either by flowers, a gift, a letter, or a personal visit.

Letters have been sent to mayors and clergymen asking them to encourage local residents to take part in the scheme.

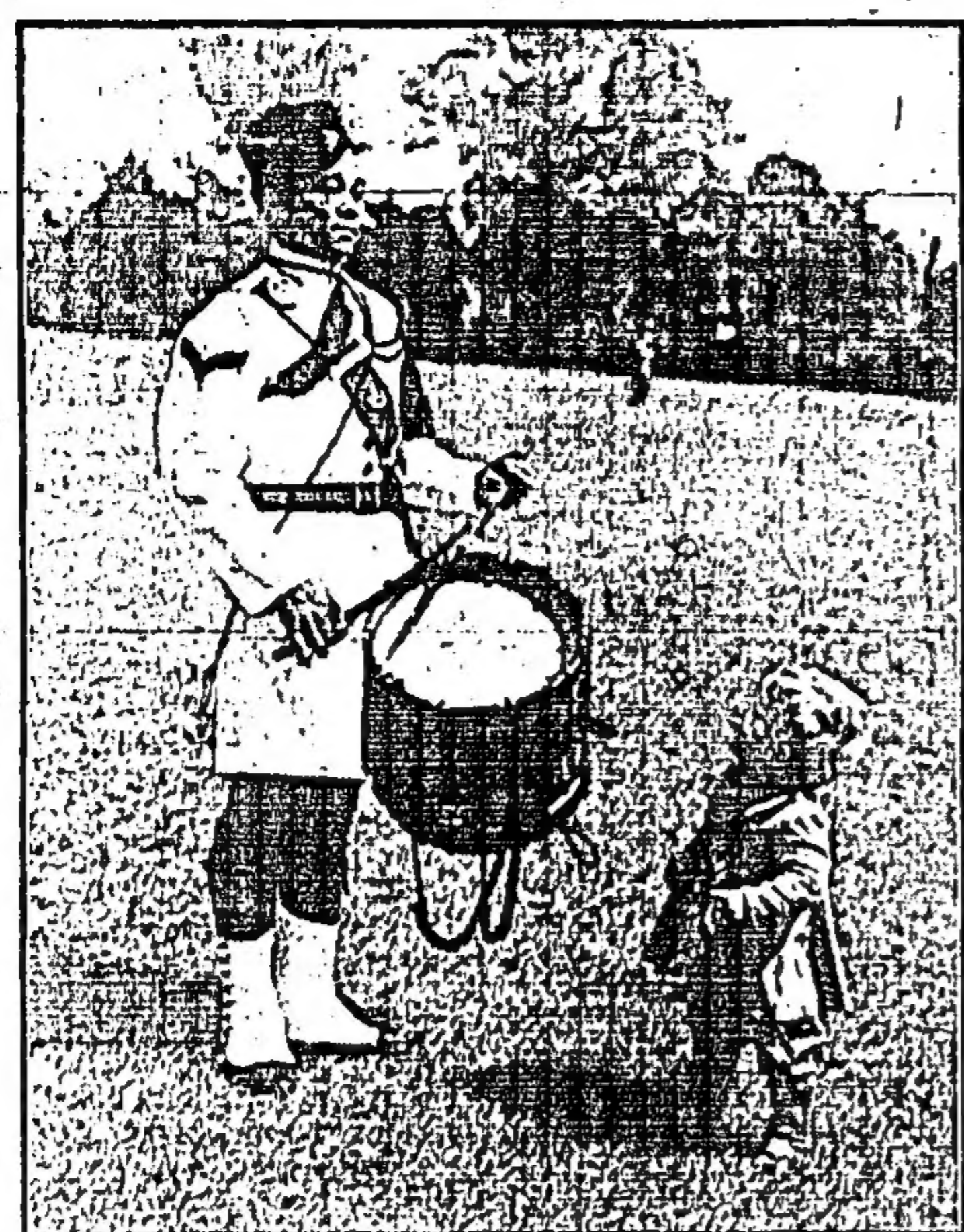
British representatives of the scheme, which was founded in Canada, are Mr. Leonard Inskip, of Biddulph Street, Leicester, and Mrs. Hugh Andrew, of Boquhanan Road, Clydebank.

Banker Picked For Economic Post

Washington, May 25. President Eisenhower today nominated Mr. Samuel C. Waugh, a Lincoln, Nebraska, banker, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs.

The position has been vacant since the resignation of Mr. William Thorp several months ago. Mr. Waugh is 63.—Reuter.

Entrancing Vision



A little big for the nursery floor, perhaps, but a boy can dream, can't he? Entranced little dreamer is Nicholas Andrew, aged 15 months, and holding him fascinated is an immaculate drummer of the Gurkha Rifles, training at Amber Court, near Thames Ditton, Surrey, for his part in the Coronation pageantry.—Reuterphoto.

HELP FOR INDIAN TEXTILES

Bombay, May 25. India's textile industry received encouraging help over the weekend when the Government of India announced that export licenses for cotton textiles would be issued freely until the end of 1953.

The announcement was the latest in a series of Government moves to aid the Indian textile industry in the battle against Japanese competition for the export market. Earlier the Government had reduced the export duty on cloth.

It is still not known whether India will be able to withstand Japanese competition but Indian exports of textiles have shown a welcome improvement during March and April. Exports of all varieties of cloth, which amounted to 43,000,000 yards in January, were only 38,000,000 in February but improved to 54,000,000 in March and zoomed to 63,000,000 in April.

Announcing the free licensing decision while inaugurating the Indian Export Advisory Council, Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, Minister of Commerce and Industry, said he hoped that the textile industry would not only maintain its export position but would improve it.—United Press.

Defence Budget Battle In U.S.

Washington, May 25. Republican Senator Milton R. Young today denounced Administration cuts in Air Force spending as a violation of the Republican Party's campaign pledge to give the nation "completely adequate air power."

Mr. Young, a member of the Senate Military Appropriations Subcommittee, told a reporter that assurances by the Defence Secretary, Mr. Charles E. Wilson, have failed to ease his fear that the Air Force cut was "too steep" for safety.

Mr. Young broke with the Administration on the air power issue as other Republicans rose to defend Mr. Wilson against a concerted Democratic attack.

Developments in the steadily widening "Battle of the Air Force Budget" included the following:

1.—Senator Henry M. Jackson called for Mr. Wilson's resignation. He said it was "fantastic" for Mr. Wilson to claim that the proposed \$2,300,000,000 cut in Air Force spending for the 1954 fiscal year would produce a bigger and better air arm. Mr. Jackson said he believed that President Eisenhower was sincere about wanting a strong air defence but "I think we should get a Secretary of Defence who will carry out what President Eisenhower wants to do."

"POLITICAL ISSUE"

2.—Chairman Eugene D. Millikin of the Senate Republican Conference accused the Democrats of trying to make a "political issue" out of the military budget. He said that he was personally convinced that the proposed spending cuts would not interfere with the continued strengthening of the Air Force and predicted that the country would back Mr. Eisenhower's judgment.

3.—Senate Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson, said he did not believe that the Administration could "conscientiously carry its plan to trim Air Force goals from 143 to 120 wings. He said that there was nothing in the present world situation to warrant "a slow-down or stretch out of our preparedness programme."

4.—The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. George M. Humphrey, appearing on a Sunday television programme, repeated the Administration's assurance that "we will have more defence for less money." He said that the Administration's mobilisation goals were "unreachable" but that under the Eisenhower programme "we will get more real security and get it faster. We will have the men and the tanks and the planes and ships... and they will be ready for action."

5.—Representative Samuel W. York, Democrat, who called last Friday for Mr. Wilson's resignation, wrote to Chairman William F. Knowland of the Senate Republican Policy Committee urging him to "use your great influence with the Administration to reverse the present trend toward crippling defence cuts."

NO DISAVOWAL

6.—Chairman Homer Ferguson, Republican, announced that his Senate Military Appropriations Subcommittee would try to find out this week who was "responsible" for a statement placed in the Congressional Record by Mr. York last week. Billed as "an official Air Force statement," the document said that the spending cuts would mean a "drastic" slow-down in plane procurement, poorer equipment and less men to operate it.

The Air Force has said that the statement was prepared in the office of Major-General Robert E. L. Eaton, legislative liaison director for the Air Force.

While the Air Force said that the statement had not been approved by Gen. Eaton's superiors, there was no move to disavow its general tone. On the contrary, the Air Force Secretary, Mr. Harold E. Talbot, said publicly over the week-end that he was "disappointed" by the budget cuts.

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Second Rehearsal For The State Coach



The golden coach in which the Queen will ride to Westminster Abbey for her Coronation took part in another rehearsal when the assembly and dispersal of the royal coaches was gone through. Picture shows the State Coach turning left at the Victoria Memorial at the bottom of Pall Mall on the return journey to Buckingham Palace.—Central Press Photo.

Flood Of Recruits For Netherlands Civil Defence

The Hague, May 25. Dutch men and women are flocking to join Holland's civil defence system, which promises to become one of the world's most efficient by the end of this year.

A carefully-planned recruiting campaign was launched on January 19 last to raise 200,000 volunteers, or one in 50 of the entire population.

Within three months, more than half this number was reached, and recruits are still pouring in. Officials say the response has exceeded their most optimistic hopes.

The authorities carefully avoided any mistake made by some countries of launching the recruiting campaign before the instructors and equipment were ready. The Staff School, modelled on Britain's civil defence school at Sunningdale, turned out thousands of instructors and much of the equipment was rolling in from the factories before the drive began.

As at present constituted, Dutch civil defence is only designed to meet wartime emergencies. But its organisers say that if it had been in full working order when the dykes broke in last February's flood disaster, it would certainly have been used.

Apart from first aid, rescue and pumping equipment, one of the things which would have proved most useful then was the emergency network of walkie-talkie and other radio sets throughout the country.

As it was, amateur radio enthusiasts did invaluable work when the devastated islands of scull-west Holland were cut off from all communications. But a properly organised civil defence system turned to peacetime use would have obviated much confusion and brought home to the rest of the country the full enormity of the disaster, which only became apparent after two or three days.

COMPLICATIONS

Moves have thus been made inside and outside Parliament to put Dutch civil defence to peacetime use as well as possible wartime use. But the whole question is complicated by such matters as accident liability and no decision is likely for some time to come.

As the plan now stands, the emphasis is on decentralisation and local control. The most

Romulo To Form A New Party

Manila, May 25. Brigadier-General Carlos P. Romulo said tonight that he was ready to fight for the presidency in the November elections as head of a new political party.

He made the statement as he met with Vice-President Fernando Lopez and other Liberal Party leaders who walked out of the Party's national convention on Sunday in a break with President Quirino. The meeting was called to finalise plans for the formation of a new party which will launch the candidacy of Gen. Romulo and Mr. Lopez for President and Vice-President, respectively.

Gen. Romulo, former Ambassador to the United States and chief delegate to the United Nations, said, "I am ready to fight to the finish in order to establish in the Philippines a real working democracy."—United Press.

Zoo Crane Scrambled The Egg

London, May 25. Keepers at the Zoo ostrich house had a grey lagoon's egg for breakfast—all because an Asiatic white crane was curious.

"The goose made a rough nest of dry grass and laid one egg, then left it for a while," said headkeeper Stanley Hexter.

"In her absence the crane, who was sharing the enclosure, went to inspect the egg. In turning it over with his beak he cracked the shell."

"We had the egg for breakfast. It was much like a hen's egg. But stronger."

"Since then, the goose has laid three more eggs and is sitting on them closely. To prevent accidents, we have moved the crane to another paddock."

"The eggs are due to hatch on June 1."

NEHRU CONDEMNS INDIAN RED TACTICS

New Delhi, May 25. Prime Minister Nehru today condemned recent demonstrations in Delhi and Bombay against the visit to India of U.S. Secretary of State Dulles.

"This sort of action is most incongruous to our policies," he told a meeting of members of the Congress Party (ruling Party in India) of which he is President.

Under the name of peace committees certain persons carried out meaningless demonstrations against visits of foreigners, he said.

But if these committees really stood for peace they should be able to perceive that it was only through such meetings that differences could be solved peacefully.

Mr. Dulles had visited India "to discuss matters so that the countries could have a clearer understanding of each other," he added.

Mr. Nehru said he was looking forward to meeting General Naguib in Egypt where he would be making a brief halt on his way to London to attend the Coronation. A lot had happened in that country, he said, and he would be pleased to discuss things with General Naguib.

Mr. Nehru also indicated he might again visit Egypt on his way back from London.—Reuter.

N. Zealand Bid For Council

Wellington, May 25. The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. K. J. Holyoake, said today that New Zealand will be a candidate for election to the United Nations Security Council at the end of this year.

New Zealand would then make a bid for the seat which in the past two years had been occupied by other Commonwealth countries.—United Press.



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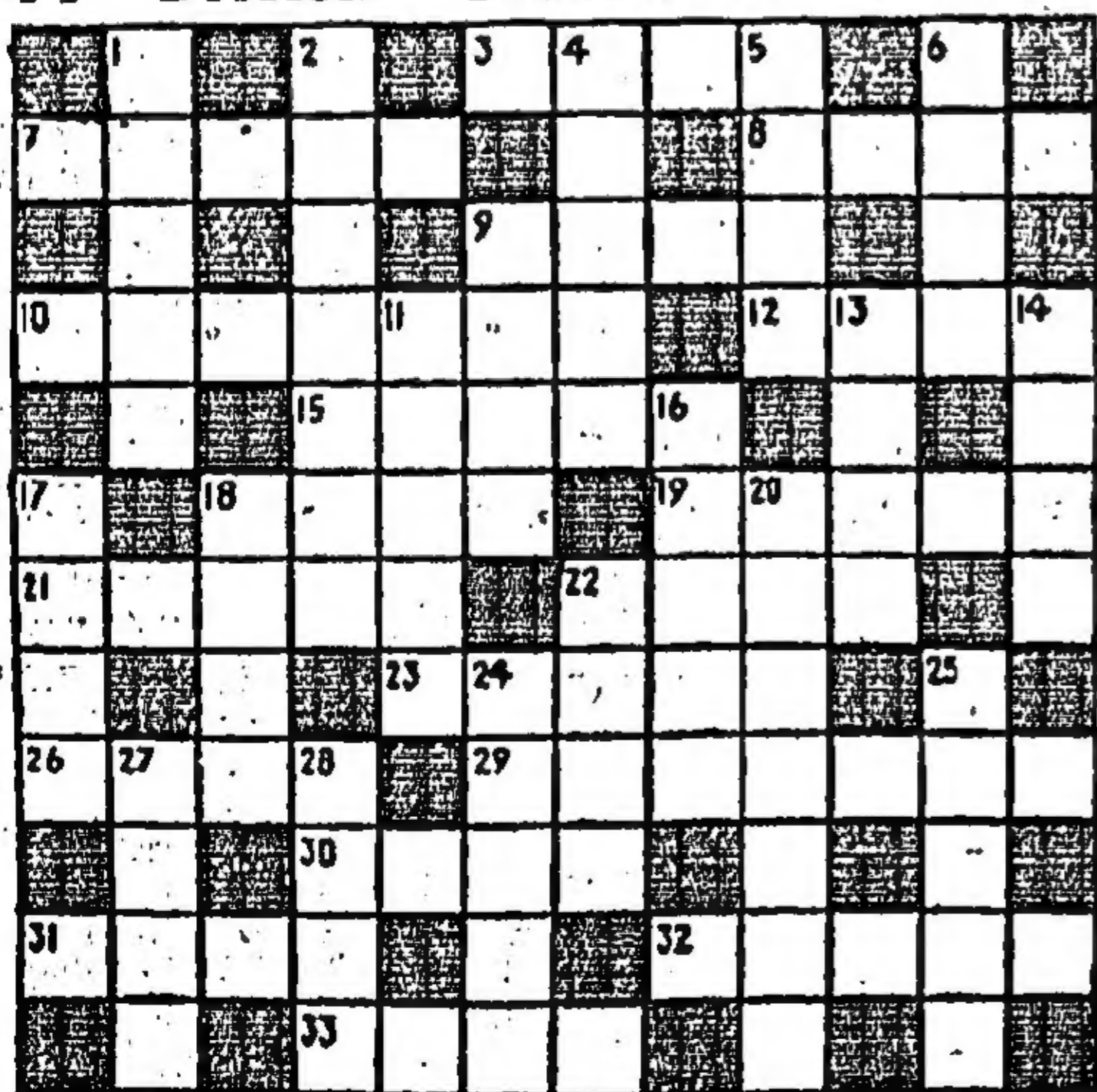
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Girl Guide's Honour

Toronto, May 25. A Canadian girl from "the last stop before the North Pole" is to represent all the Girl Guides of the Empire at the Coronation.

She is 18-year-old Joyce Douglas, of Flin Flon, Manitoba, and she is the only Girl Guide in the whole Commonwealth to have an official seat in the Abbey, awarded to Canada in a ballot.

It is lucky for fair-haired Joyce, now studying on a teachers' training college in Winnipeg, Manitoba, that the Coronation is in the summer. Joyce, who has been a Brownie, a Guide, and a Ranger, just has not a winter uniform and can wear fur-lined snowsuits out on patrol.

In Joyce's lifetime Flin Flon has grown from little more than gold-rush gambling halls to a town of nearly 10,000 people.

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TWENTY-SIX COLONY RECORDS FELL IN THE THIRD HKAAA SEASON

Enough Talent In The Younger Set To Rewrite The Record Book

By "RECORDER"

The Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association's 1952/53 track and field season officially concluded on Sunday with the final meeting at Kai Tak. Two more Colony records were broken, bringing the total for the year to 26.

Remaining the assault were the records for the 200 Metres (twice equalled, but not broken, by Stephen Xavier), 400 Metres and 440 Yards, 800 Metres and 880 Yards, 1,500 Metres and One Mile, 5,000 Metres, 110 Metres High Hurdles, 400 Metres and 440 Yards Low Hurdles, High Jump, Pole Vault and Shot Put.

None of the Ladies' records survived the season, that for the High Jump being improved upon by Jennifer Hart from 4 feet 6 inches to 4 feet 11½ inches in five stages and that for the Long Jump being improved upon from 16 feet 1½ inches to 16 feet 8 inches by Rita Hall in three stages.

The Ladies' 200 Metres record changed hands twice, being held for some months by Lam Kak-lan and then becoming the property of Rita Hall. Rita Hall captured the 100 Yards record early in the season and the 220 Yards record in early May.

The 100 Metres record changed hands twice, first going to Jennifer Hart at 13.3 seconds and finally to Rita Hall at 13.1 seconds, Jennifer running second in identical time.

The season was, in many respects, most noteworthy for the achievements of the jumping trio—Rita Hall, Jennifer Hart and Deborah Hurlbutt—who now head Hongkong's all-time best lists in five events, in the three sprints in company with South China's Lam Kak-lan and in the Long Jump with Pui To's Fong Sik.

From the start of the season to its end, the most popular event was the Long Jump and the biggest show of the year came at Pokfulam on March 8 when fourth place in the event went to 15 feet 8½ inches. The 30th best jump of the season was 15 feet 3¾ inches. The record at the start of the season stood at 15.1½ ft.

Next season only one of the jumping trio—Jennifer—will be left here. Deborah Hurlbutt, leaving for England in September, and Rita Hall in December.

However, there will still be Lam Kak-lan, Rita for the early part of the season, Fok Wing-sheung and two newcomers at the year's King George V School's Lynn Ramsay and St Mary's School's Joyce Cotton.

Joyce Cotton and King George V School's Rae Jones look the pick of the newcomers and should run into record-breaking class by the time next season is half over.

St Mary's Valerie Fernandez, who showed a fair turn of speed in her first try at the 100 Yards on Sunday, may develop into a 15-foot long jumper, but will have to learn the run-up and the flight. She is likely to go far also as a Javelin thrower.

The Ladies' throwing events were dominated by Mrs. J. Van Vleet, who now holds all three records with Mrs. A. C. Thompson and Jennifer Hart, eventual challengers for all three, and Valerie Fernandez for the Javelin.

SPEED AND STAMINA
Stephen Xavier, Derek Coburn and Chan King-ying were the season's outstanding runners in the men's department. Noteworthy also was the meteoric rise into top class of King George V School's Billy McCall, who had to retire before the close of the season with a nervous ailment he shares with the famous "Pell-Mell" Patton among other great sprinters of history.

Billy's 400 Metres leg on the way to a Colony record in the 1,000 Metres Championship on March 22 was a spectacular piece of work and he may eventually capture the Colony 400 Metres and 440 Yards records which have defied all assaults for two seasons.

Stephen Xavier suffered throughout the season from lack of really good competition, Billy McCall and Queen's Almaso reserving their best efforts for occasions when Stephen was not in the field.

However, with the aid of follow-up La Salle star Eddie Loureiro, he was driven to a new Colony record of 54 seconds in the 100 Yards at Pokfulam on March 8 and to a new Colony mark of 10.8 seconds for 100 Metres at Sookunpoo on April 10. Loureiro's flying starts, which left Stephen behind, were the main contribution to both these marks.

With a fourth sprinter of the consistency of Xavier, Loureiro and McCall, Hongkong would stand on excellent chance of finishing in the first three in the 400 Metres Relay at the Asian Games at Manila next May. Chang Yat-hung is the probable fourth, but he is inconsistent.

Xavier's potential, judging by some of his last leg relay runs, is one in which he closed six yards on Chang Yat-hung, is probably 9.0 seconds for the 100 Yards and 10.5 seconds for the 100 Metres.

Not to be overlooked as a potential member of Hongkong's relay team is the King George V relay wonder, Roy Spencer, who invariably does better on relay legs than in straight races.

"CURLY" COMES UP
Roy Spencer's training companion at Caroline Hill, Ellis Kadoorie schoolboy Chan King-ying, blossomed out as the successor to Peter West in dominating the distances over three miles and concluded the season with a Colony record of 37 minutes 57.6 seconds in the 10,000 Metres. The time is excellent by Asian standards and places him well up on the Asian ranking list in this event.

Popularly known as "Curly," Chan King-ying's great-hearted races were a feature of the season and his successes were generally met with an assault of congratulatory hand-shakes from the spectators at the races.

King-ying is definitely South China Athletic Association's Athlete of the Season, though by no means a great margin over little Lam Kak-lan or To King-chau. Leader at all distances between 800 Yards and 5,000 Metres was 45 Field Regiment's Derek Coburn, who also did well in the course of the season at 440 Yards (one relay leg), in the Javelin Throw and the Pentathlon.

Derek, with whom must be coupled fellow-artilleryman Arthur Copp, would probably finish up very high in a popularity poll among track followers. However, the official Athlete of the Year, University's Victor Lai, South China's King-ying and Lam Kak-lan, the jumping triad, little Fong Sik, Dorset's Lieutenants Reep and Blight and high-jumper Peter George would draw a lot of the votes.

Coburn, who switched about in his training from long to middle to shorter distances in the course of the season, failed in his assault on Colony records largely for this reason and for the added one that he had little competition to properly push him. He holds two Colony records—both from the close of last season—and may well add to his bag next year.

MIDDLE DISTANCES
In the middle distance run department, two stars of the future emerged at the Inter-School Championships in Lee Shu-chung of La Salle College and Frank Walker of King George V School, both of whom ran the 1½ Miles in under 4½ minutes.

The two should be well to the fore next season at all distances from 800 Metres to One Mile and Coburn will certainly have much more competition than he had in 1952/53.

The gallant racing throughout the season of Cpl. Ralph Hatcher and LAC D. Hocking—second in the Colony 1,500 Metres—must go on record in a review of this season. The two continually demonstrated toughness, a will to win even when there was little chance of victory, and were as much Athletes of the Year as those who had more success. To be chased with them are three other distance runners, Neville Lee, Cyril Harding and Ken Milburn.

THE LONG SPRINT
The 400 Metres and 440 Yards were dominated for most of the season by 2/Lt. Goodburn, who had the bad luck to be beaten

at the tape in the Colony 400 Metres by L/Cpl. Lockwood of the Royal Engineers.

The 400 Metres field in the Colony Championships was the fastest ever assembled, but individually there was no one of the class of Ng Yuen-fok or Tom Williams.

Lo Wing-chuen, who did not take his athletics very seriously during the season, was still good enough for several 54-second efforts. The Quarter-Milers of next season, are, however, Billy McCall and La Salle's Lee Wing-kai.

King George V's Michael Wilcox was well to the fore in this event in early season, and it was regrettable that he left the Colony before the Colony Championships.

THE JUMPERS
Victor Lai dominated the High Jump event, setting a Colony Championship record of 5 feet 10½ inches at Sookunpoo on March 20, falling by a half-inch to set a new Colony record. His nomination as Hongkong's Athlete of the Year was spontaneous and well-deserved, as there have been few heavier and more sporting personalities in the history of the Association.

His principal opponents of the season, L. Blight and Peter George, both with a style of clearance pleasing to the eye, cleared the Standard Medal height of 5 feet 8 inches and contributed to the event being the second most popular with track fans.

A newcomer to the front rank in this event was King George V School's Ian Gerrard, who finally reached a personal best of 5 feet 5 inches and should develop into a challenger to the best by the middle of next season.

The Pole Vault saw only two 10-footers throughout the whole season—L. R.A.F. Reep and Capt. Joseph da Costa. However, Colony record heights may yet be seen from one of the best novices of the year, Cpl. Chow Jor of the Hongkong Chinese Training Unit, who has already reached 9.10 and has—following in the steps of his hammer-throwing CO, Capt. Livemore—put his unit on the sporting map.

The Long Jump was dominated by To King-chau in early season, with a new Colony record of 12 feet 11½ inches and another Colony record of 43 feet 7½ inches in the Hop, Step and Jump.

A modest and popular personality, King-chau was out for the second half of the season with muscle injuries, and his place was taken by 2/Lt. M. W. Wren, who cleared 21.1½ ft at Pokfulam in March, also to retire hurt at the Colony Championships and concede the title to Capt. da Costa, another stylish jumper, who also cleared 21 feet.

In the Hop, Step and Jump there was a challenge to To King-chau's record in March from Signaller Alan Pendall, who reached out to 43 feet 8½ inches at Boundary Street in March but had to retire soon after with an injured foot.

Of the newcomers to the jumping events, Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club's George Saunders shows promise of going beyond To King-chau's Hop, Step record next season. With HKAA's teammate, George Thumb, Saunders was the season's best all-rounder in the jumping events.

THE HURDLERS
The previous season's surprise Champion in the 110 Metres High Hurdles, South China's Victor Lai-hung, developed a habit of knocking over the barriers in his way and had a relatively poor season though he was not outclassed by what was the best High Hurdles field in Hongkong in any season.

On February 22, 2/Lt. J. O. Cave set up a new Colony record of 15.9 seconds for the 120 Yards Hurdles at Boundary Street. In December, on the same track, L.R.A.F. Reep had recorded 16.3 seconds. 2/Lt. Paterson, Victor Lai and the Colony Champion, Capt. J. E. Mulvaney, were also well under 17 seconds at various meetings. Lt. Paterson's name does not appear on the ranking list as he was never properly timed at any meeting.

In the Low Hurdles, the Colony Champion, A. F. Colloco, L.R.A.F. To Wing-chuen and F/Lt. G. W. F. Charles took turns at winning in the invitational events. Lt. Reep, with 01.4 seconds for the 440-Yards race, looks the most promising of the

four, and should claim the 01.4-second record standing to the name of L. D. J. McNabb of the R.A.O.C. for two years now.

YEAR OF THE JAVELIN
Sgt. Neville Hughes of the Welch Regiment dominated the Javelin throwers. The former Champion of Wales reached 181 feet 5 inches at Caroline Hill and then 184 feet 2 inches at Sookunpoo for the Colony Championship record.

Chan Wai-chuen did not improve on his best of the previous season and the second best throw of the year was 167 feet 8 inches by Sgt. C. H. Smith of the Dorsetshire Regiment at Caroline Hill on March 15.

The crop of 140-footers was the biggest in history—F/O G. B. H. Norris, Lau Kam-yiu, Cpl. Ralph of the R.A.F. Spr. Flint and Derek Coburn.

Ron Thompson of the HKAAAC and Gnr. Ellis just missed becoming 140-footers. The former, if he polishes up his style, should be well over 150 feet next year.

"HURLING JOE"
Though Chan Wai-chuen set the Discus record at 128 feet 6½ inches at Boundary Street on December 21, he never came anywhere near that mark again and the best ever Discus season in the Colony's history was dominated by L/Bdr. Joseph Pawlowski with 128.6 and 123.1½ at Boundary Street, 124.10½ and 124.4½ at Pokfulam and 128.6 at Sookunpoo for the Colony Championship.

Cpl. Stan Boddy of the Dorset reached 118 feet 5¼ inches at Boundary Street and L. J. B. Lambert 117 feet—the best distance ever done in Hongkong for that place.

Of Stan Boddy, whose every throw looked like it might be a new Colony record, we saw too little as he left for Home before the Colony Championships. He threw with a sublime composure and the puzzled expression on his face when the measurers didn't quite credit him with enough for the throw often led them to re-measure it; almost apologetically.

THE SHOT GANG
Best Shot Put of the year was Sgt. G. J. Harrison's 39 feet 10 inches at the Royal Engineers' Sports at Boundary Street in March. The Colony Champion, Chan Wai-chuen, passed 30 feet only once—at Caroline Hill on February 8 with 38.4½, his best ever. Stan Boddy and the Army Champion, L/Bdr. Bertram reached 37 feet and LAC Sayers passed 36 feet.

In the ball-and-chain department it was a poor year, though Sgt. J. E. Docherty reached 127 feet 2 inches at Boundary Street for a new Colony record and the Army Champion and 118 feet 7½ inches at Sookunpoo for the Colony Championship record. Best ever in Hongkong—not officially recognised—was L/Cpl. Parsons' 128 feet 1¾ inches at Caroline Hill on May 1, 1950.

ALL-ROUNDER
The first Colony Pentathlon Championship for the McClaren Cup, held at Pokfulam on April 12, was won by Major B. D. Chapman, of the Royal Norfolk Regiment, by a handsome margin over Neville Hughes with University's Ng Chun-wai a good third. Jennifer Hart just nosed out Deborah Hurlbutt for the Ladies' Championship.

There were 22 entries in the Men's Pentathlon, who laboured in an afternoon-long deluge. One of the sights of the afternoon was Chan Wai-chuen labouring through the 440 Yards.

Cpl. Tean Kwok-lot of the Hongkong Chinese Training Unit came near to finishing among the prize-winners and lost a medal on three no-throws in the Javelin.

THE ADMINISTRATION
Mr. Raleigh Leung's capable leadership played a conspicuous part in a successful year and the interest of the Patron of the Association, Sir Gerald House, Kt., G. C. was appreciated by the athletes.

Sir Gerald watched some of the jumping finals at the Colony Championships from close range and must have noted the friendly atmosphere prevailing in the competition, particularly among the girls, who have a sisterly regard for each other whether they be English or Chinese.

This "happy family" spirit was particularly noticeable at the first annual HKAAAC "At Home" at Wah Yan College, when an invitation was issued to all the South China girls. If there had been enough seating accommodation

the invitation would have been extended to all of South China.

The Vice-Chairman of the Association, Mr. Chan Wing-pak, was the host to the Association at a farewell party to Captain Norman Phillips early in the year and shortly afterwards at another "At Home" to officials, and track and field judges.

The Association as a whole was the host early in the season to Olympic Sprint Champion Marjorie Jackson and the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Doris Magee, who did some coaching of local girl athletes at King George V School before what must have been the largest gathering ever of schoolchildren in the Colony on an occasion not sponsored by either the Education Department or the HKSSA.

POLICY
The Association started the season by shepherding school athletes into clubs—a policy followed by both the AAA and WAAA at Home and in Australia. The HKSSA retains a seat on the Council, but does not compete as a club.

The Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club was started early in the season and now has a membership of 70, which by next year should grow to over a hundred. The Club boasts of a large collection of silverware that it did not pay for, though all this was honestly acquired.

The Association's complaint is that the Club got more out of the HKAAA than it put in and this situation has been remedied by a Council vote that all clubs will in future contribute to the

Sunday's Meeting At Kai Tak Odd Points



Chan King-ying on his way to a Colony record of 37 minutes 57.6 seconds in the Colony 10,000 Metres Championship at Kai Tak on Sunday. He is followed by Fung Ping-kai, Cyril Harding, who finished third, Ken Milburn, who finished second, and L. G. B. Blight, in the race only for a half-mile canter to freshen up for the next round of the Colony Chess Championship.



The Shot Gang—from the left they are LAC Sayers, F/Sgt Mitchell, Sgt Harrison, LAC Gammons, Chan Wai-chuen and Lau Kam-yiu. This was the best group of iron pushers assembled at one meeting since the Colony Championships in 1951. Harrison and Chan tied for first at 37 feet 9 inches.



The Colony record in this event was not even threatened. The rain-soaked track did not favour the sprinters. At the end of the 100 Yards they are—from the left—Lam Kak-lan (second), Fok Wing-sheung (fourth), Deborah Hurlbutt (third), Rita Hall (winner in a modest 12.4 seconds), and Valerie Fernandez (not too far behind in her first race).—China Mail Photos.

traying the cost of each Association meeting. The expenses of one such meeting can run up to hundreds of dollars, the cost of prizes being only a fraction of the total expenditure.

A lot of expense has been saved in three years' operation by the Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. F. J. F. Tingay, who contributes to the Association funds by doing personally a great deal of work that would cost a lot of money if hired help was taken on.

The generosity of the Army, South China Athletic Association, the Hongkong University Athletic Club and the Royal Air Force has also saved the Association hundreds of dollars of expenditure.

CRITICISM
Much criticism has been levelled at the Association for permitting younger schoolboys and schoolgirls to compete with "seniors," the fact that schoolboys and schoolgirls—most of them not yet in their late teens—carried off all the relays in the Colony Championships being generally overlooked.

The Association follows a policy in respect of the "Juniors" that is not inconsistent with that of the governing bodies of athletics in Great Britain and Australia and perhaps the best answer it can give to this criticism is to refer the critics to a group picture of the London Olympiad, one of England's premier women's athletic clubs, in the May 10 issue of Athletics Weekly, the official organ of the A.A.A.

Half the girls in that group photo are so small that the jumping is look-alike in comparison. Not one has as yet

bothered to criticise the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association for allowing eighteen-year-olds in the Harbour Race or 11-year-olds in Colony sprint finals.

TRAINING
There hasn't been quite the amount of training going on as there should be and the Association does its best to encourage this by preferring athletes who train regularly to better performers in its invitations to meetings.

There is a regular training programme at the South China Athletic Association and a regular one—for those who care to take advantage of it—under the able guidance of Mr. J. E. P. Blenkinsop at King George V School and Boundary Street.

Next season there will be organised an Association-supervised training programme for all promising athletes and all others who are interested and regular attendance will be a prerequisite to any consideration for a place on Hongkong's team at the Asian or Empire Games.

The new season will start with track and field in September, October, November and December. There will be a short road running and walking and cross country season in January and this will be followed with a second season of the track and field season in February, March and April. The season may extend into May, but will certainly end before June.

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